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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5605**

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Bauer, Sheldon, Wood, McAuliffe, Prince, Heavey, Drew, Winsley, Palmer, Deccio, Oke, Prentice and Schow)

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1       AN ACT Relating to prohibiting alcohol and drug use in state-owned  
2 college or university residences; adding a new section to chapter  
3 28B.10 RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** The state makes a substantial investment of  
6 finances and resources in students who are attending state institutions  
7 of higher education. In exchange, students are expected to actively  
8 pursue their education and contribute to an academic environment that  
9 is conducive to learning. Students who abuse alcohol and drugs,  
10 however, are unable to make full use of this educational opportunity.  
11 More important, students who abuse alcohol and drugs create an  
12 environment that interferes with the ability of other students to  
13 pursue their education. This is especially true in university-owned  
14 housing where alcohol and drug abuse contribute to noise, vandalism,  
15 theft, and violence. While the universities and colleges may not be  
16 able to stop all alcohol and drug abuse among student populations, the  
17 very least they can do is ensure that the vast majority of students  
18 without drug or alcohol problems are provided with a living environment  
19 that is safe and conducive to the pursuit of higher education.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) Use of liquor as defined in RCW 66.04.010 or unlawful use of  
4 controlled substances under chapter 69.50 RCW or legend drugs under  
5 chapter 69.41 RCW in state-owned, college or university housing where  
6 a predominant number of residents are minors is prohibited.

7        (2) The prohibition in subsection (1) of this section shall be a  
8 part of the rental agreement signed by students or their parents or  
9 guardians.

10       (3) In addition to other penalties provided by law, the following  
11 penalties apply to violations of this section:

12       (a) For the first violation, a student cited by a law officer or  
13 college or university housing official shall be warned and referred to  
14 the student council;

15       (b) For a second violation, the student shall be expelled from  
16 college or university housing at the end of the academic semester or  
17 quarter in which the second violation was cited.

18       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    By December 1, 1996, each institution of  
19 higher education that has state-owned, college or university housing  
20 shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on  
21 implementation of section 2 of this act.

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